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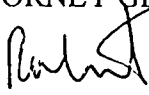
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Robert Raben   
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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for November 6, 2000 - November 10, 2000

The House and the Senate are in recess. The House will return on November 13; the Senate will return on November 14.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Wen Ho Lee:** Draft responses to questions for the record from Senator Leahy, in follow up of the September 26 and 27 hearings, are being prepared by CRM. A draft response to the Intelligence Committees and the Senate Judiciary Committee on conditions of confinement is being finalized. Responses to document requests for sealed records and deliberative materials are being deferred until after conclusion of the debrief; Committee staff have been informed of this. We are providing this week to the Committees copies of transcripts for the open portions of the August detention hearings and some docket items inadvertently omitted from earlier document productions. The Department of Energy is separately responding to document requests from the Senate Judiciary Committee and are coordinating production of documents with the Department. Senator Specter's staff have suggested there may be additional hearings in November and December but nothing firm has been announced. (Walter)

**CJS Immigration Provisions:** OLA, INS and ODAG continue to work with the White House and Democratic Members of Congress to push for the inclusion of the Latino and Immigrant Fairness Act (LIFA) in the CJS appropriations bill. LIFA does three things: 1) grants the ability to apply for permanent residence to those Central Americans, Haitians and Liberians left out of NACARA; 2) changes the "registry date" to 1986, thereby allowing anyone in the U.S. by 1986 to apply for permanent residence; and 3) restores 245(i) relief. (First)

**Telecom:** The DeWine/Kohl telecom merger bill [S. 467], which the Department and FBI oppose because it does not provide adequate protections for law enforcement and national security concerns, is among the measures that could be attached to an appropriations or omnibus bill. OMB and appropriations staff have been alerted to the Department's objections and we are monitoring the bill's status. (Walter)

**Leak prosecutions:** The President vetoed the Intelligence Authorization bill over the weekend. Staff from the Senate Intelligence and Judiciary Committees indicate that at a minimum they will

try to attach the FISA-related parts of the bill to an appropriations or omnibus package before sine die adjournment. (Walter)

**Bankruptcy:** On November 1, Senator Lott brought a cloture vote on bankruptcy reform legislation to the floor. The motion failed to achieve the necessary 60 votes, largely due to Senators who were out of town and could not cast their vote. We do not yet know whether Senator Lott will resubmit the motion when the Senate reconvenes on November 14. The President is expected to veto the legislation. (Wilson)

### **THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act:** On October 19, H.R. 2442, the Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act, was passed by the Senate. On October 24, the House agreed to the Senate amendments clearing the measure for the President's signature. The measure had been amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee to address our constitutional concerns; however, it still leaves the review with the Department and not an independent commission. The Department takes issue with the Congressional findings and the time frame with which DOJ would have to complete a report. We have sent a letter to OMB supporting the measure but setting out the DOJ concerns. (Scott-Finan)